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## **KC MAN INDICTED FOR BANK ROBBERY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for robbing a branch of US Bank. Today's indictment replaces a criminal complaint that was filed on May 31, 2005.

**Dennis Watson**, 51, of Kansas City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury for robbing the US Bank branch located at 1125 Grand Ave., in Kansas City.

The indictment alleges that **Watson** took by means of force, violence and intimidation approximately \$3,800 from US Bank on May 27, 2005.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Watson** entered US Bank at approximately 9 a.m. carrying American Express Traveler's Checks. As he entered the bank, **Watson** immediately approached a teller, the affidavit states, and said, "Give me all the money! I want all the money!" **Watson** also threatened to shoot the teller with a gun.

The teller activated a silent bank robbery alarm and then gave **Watson** money from his teller drawer. **Watson** stuffed several bundles of money in the pockets of his shorts and then turned and walked out of the bank.

The teller described the bandit as a black male, between five-feet-nine and-11 inches tall and weighing between 230 to 240 pounds. The teller estimated that the bandit was between 40 and 45 years old and indicated that he had facial hair around his mouth and chin and that he was wearing a dirty light grey T-shirt and dark blue shorts.

During the course of the investigation, the affidavit states, it was determined that a man matching the bandit's description had entered the bank on May 26, 2005, the day prior to the bank robbery, and cashed a \$100 American Express Traveler's Check. The American Express Traveler's Check, recovered by bank employees, contained both **Watson's** name and driver's

license number, according to the affidavit.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal grand jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David Ketchmark. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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